

REMARKS

This is a response to the Office Action dated January 24, 2005, in which claims 1-19 of the present application were subject to a two-way restriction requirement. In particular, The Examiner has indicated that pending claims are directed to more than one invention and thus require an election under 35 U.S.C. 121 of one of the following claimed inventions:

- I. Claims 1-3 and 12-19, which are drawn to a method for monitoring and controlling a spin imparted on an optical fiber and a method for controlling bi-directional symmetry of altering symmetrical spins imparted on an optical fiber; and
- II. Claims 4-11, which are drawn to a method for making an optical fiber.

In order to be fully responsive, applicants hereby provisionally elect with traverse the invention of Group I, claims 1-3 and 12-19. Applicants however believe that the restriction requirement should be withdrawn because to search and examine claims in Groups I and II would not be a serious burden on the Examiner. In particular, The M.P.E.P. § 803 states:

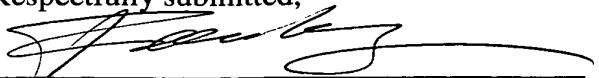
If the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to independent or distinct inventions.

Applicants contend that a search and examination of the entire application could be made without serious burden and that all pending claims, 1-19, should be searched and examined together in the subject application. As such, applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the restriction requirement. In the event the restriction requirement is maintained, applicants fully reserve the right to prosecute the subject matter of the non-elected claims in one or more divisional applications.

No fee is believed due for this submission. Should any fees be required, however, please charge such fees to Jones Day Deposit Account No. 50-3013.

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